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SUBJECT: AMB. SCALI'S UNGA REPLY TO CUBAN FONMIN ROA

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REMARKS MADE BY AMB SCALI IN UNGA
PLENARY EVENING OCT. 10 IN EXERCISING US RIGHT OF REPLY TO
CUBAN FONMIN ROA WHO SPOKE EARLIER IN AFTERNOON:

QUOTE:

TWO WEEKS AGO, THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF
STATE, DR KISSINGER, ADDRESSED THIS ASSEMBLY. HE
SPOKE IN THE MEASURED LANGUAGE OF REASON, CONCILIATION
AND HOPE -- OF THE AMERICAN DREAM, OF HOW WE CAN MOVE
FROM DENTENT TO COOPERATION, FROM COEXISTENCE TO COMMUNITY.

DR. KISSINGER INSPIRED SOME

TO BELIEVE THAT A NEW ERA OF INTERNATIONAL HARMONY COULD
BE CREATED IN THIS HOUSE DEDICATED TO PEACE.

A WEEK LATER, AT A GATHERING OF DISTINGUISHED
REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS, HE ADDRESSED HIM-
SELF TO THE PROBLEMS AND ASPIRATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA.

DR KISSINGER EXCITED THE IMAGINATION OF THE GATHERING OF NEIGHBORS
WITH HIS SINCERE INVITATION FOR A NEW DIALOGUE BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA.

DR KISSINGER URGED, AND THE COUNTRIES OF THIS HEMISPHERE

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HAVE SINCE APPLAUDED HIS PROPOSAL, THAT INSTEAD OF LOOKING

BACKWARD WE FACE THE FUTURE AND TRY TO FIND A COMMON APPROACH TO THE JOINT PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT THE AMERICAS. TONIGHT, HOWEVER, WE HAVE WITNESSED A DEPRESSING SPECTACLE. AN OBSOLETE VOICE FROM THE PAST, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF CUBA, IGNORES THE COMMON DESIRE OF THE REST OF THIS HEMISPHERE TO LOOK AHEAD IN A JOINT SEARCH FOR NEW SOLUTIONS, RATHER THAN TO THE PAST. HE ONCE AGAIN HAS SUNK TO HIS USUAL LEVEL OF GUTTER VULGARITY,

AS HE SPEAKS WITH THE ONLY LANGUAGE HE CAN USE-THE OUTMODED VITUPERATION OF AN EARLIER ERA. TIME HAS PASSED HIM BY. MR KISSINGER WAS JOINED BY THE GENUINE REPRESENTATIVES OF LATIN AMERICA IN VOICING THE DESIRE TO FORMULATE NEW IDEALS, MR ROA AND THOSE FROM WHOM HE SPEAKS REMAIN FROZEN IN RUT OF BITTERNESS AND CONSPIRACY WHERE FALSEHOOD IS A NORMAL WEAPON. INSTEAD OF ANSWERING THE CHARGES LEVELLED AGAINST HIS GOVERNMENT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF CHILE YESTERDAY DIRECTLY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF CUBA CONTINUES TO DEGRADE THIS ORGANIZATION BY RELYING ON THE WELL-KNOWN TECHNIQUE OF THOSE WITH A GUILTY CONSCIENCE. HE ATTEMPTS TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM HIMSELF AND FROM CUBAN INTERVENTION IN CHILEAN AFFAIRS BY SMEARING MY GOVERNMENT WITH BASELESS ALLEGATIONS. ONCE AGAIN I DENY CATEGORICALLY THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WAS INVOLVED IN ANY WAY IN THE EVENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN CHILE. WOULD THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CUBA WERE ABLE TO MAKE A SIMILAR CATEGORICAL DENIAL ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT. THE CUBAN HAS SPOKEN OF THE DETENTION OF A CUBAN SHIP IN THE PANAMA CANAL. THE CUBAN CARGO SHIP IMIAS IS INDEED UNDER ATTACHMENT IN GARUN LAKE -BY ORDER OF THE APPROPRIATE COURT OF LAW AT THE REQUEST OF ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT. THE ACTION IS A ROUTINE LEGAL PROCEDURE. BOTH THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA ARE REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEYS BEFORE THE COURT, WHERE THE MATTER WILL BE DECIDED BY ORDERLY LEGAL PROCESS ACCORDING TO THE MERITS OF

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THE CASE. IN AN INTERNATIONAL WATERWAY, AS IN ANY PORT OF THE WORLD, IT IS NOT UNUSUAL TO HAVE LEGAL ACTIONS ARISING FROM COMMERCIAL DISPUTES. THERE HAVE BEEN SIXTEEN CASES OF THIS SORT IN THE PANAMA CANAL THIS YEAR-ALL SUBJECT TO THE SAME RULE OF LAW. IT IS HARDLY SURPRISING THAT THE CUBAN REPRESENTATIVE, WHOSE COUNTRY HAS NOW HAD FIFTEEN YEARS WITHOUT "DUE PROCESS OF LAW" CANNOT UNDERSTAND.

ONCE AGAIN , THE FOREGN MINISTER OF CUBA HAS WASTED
OUR TIME BY REPEATING HIS HACKNEYED CLISHES ABOUT PUERTO
RICO IN THIS FORUM. I WOULD NOT EVEN DIGNIFY HIS
STATEMENTS BY MAKING REFERENCE TO THEM IF IT WERE NOT FOR
THE OUTRAGE FELT BY THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE PUERTO
RICAN PEOPLE, WHOM I HAVE THE HONOR ALSO TO REPRESENT
IN THIS BODY I KNOW WHAT THEY WILL FEEL WHEN THEY READ ABOUT
THESE NEWEST CUBAN FALSEHOODS IN THEIR FREE PRESS. THEY
KNOW, AS WELL AS I,
THAT PUERTO RICANS DETERMINE THEIR OWN POLITICAL FUTURE THROUGH
PERIODIC FREE ELECTIONS. PUERTO RICANS ARE A HIGHLY
INTELLIGENT AND MATURE PEOPLE, AND THEY NEED NO ADVICE
FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A COUNTRY WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN
NO ELECTIONS OF ANY KIND SINCE 1959. DURING THOSE FIFTEEN
YEARS DURING WHICH THE CUBAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF
ANY MEANS OF EXPRESSING THEIR POLITICAL WILL-WHO CHOSE
THIS MAN TO SPEAK FOR CUBA? - THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR ISLAND-WIDE
ELECTIONS IN PUERTO RICO.
THE SUCCESSIVE ELECTIONS FOR GOVERNOR OF PUERTO
RICO, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL SHADES OF POLITICAL
OPINION INCLUDING THE FOLLOWERS OF CASTRO, HAVE GIVEN
ELOQUENT AND PERSUASIVE TESTIMONY TO THE POLITICAL
SENTIMENTS OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE. I CAN ONLY WONDER
WHY THE TINY FRINGE ELEMENTS IN PUERTO RICAN POLITICS ARE
SO DEPENDENT ON CASTRO TO REPRESENT THEM WHY DO THEY NOT
CAMPAIGN ON THEIR OWN MERITS?
CASTRO'S FOREIGN MINISTER SPEAKS OFTEN OF PUPPETS.
WE CAN ALL AGREE THERE IS NO GREATER AUTHORITY ON PUPPETS
SINCE HIS GOVERNMENT IS THE ORIGINAL PUPPET-
ON-A-STRING. WE ALL KNOW WHO PULLS HIS STRING, AND HOW
HE DANCE*
IT IS RARE INDEED WHEN I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
CONGRATULATE THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF CUBA. HOWEVER,
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I AM DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT HE HAS BEGUN TO READ
SUCH AMERICAN PUBLICATIONS AS NEWSWEEK AND THE
WASHINGTON POST WHICH CUBANS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO READ AT HOME
AND WHICH HIS DELEGATE TO THE UNITED NATIONS HAS OFTEN
CHARACTERIZED AS MOUTHPIECES OF YANKEE IMPERIALISM.
AS A FORMER NEWSMAN MYSELF, I KNOW FULL WELL THE VALUE OF
HELPING EXPOSE HIM TO DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW WHICH APPEAR
IN PRINT. IF THE
CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER CONTINUES TO INDULGE IN HIS SECRET
VICE OF OCCASIONALLY PEEKING INTO A FREE PRESS HE
MAY SOME DAY LEARN THE TRUTH OF THE REAL WORLD.
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